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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: BRAZILIAN VIEWS NEENMOD

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH DELOFFS OCT. 22, BUENO (BRAZIL) ASKED ABOUT HANDLING OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION AT UNGA. DELOFF NOTED THAT FINNISH AMBASSADOR PASTINEN WOULD BE SEEKING-SUPPORT AND COSPONSORSHIP FOR A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CONVENTION AS TRANSMITTED BY CCD AND REQUESTING THAT IT BE OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION. HE ADDED THAT US WOULD SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION, WOULD OPPOSE ANY EFFECT TO AMEND THE TEXT AT THE UNGA, AND DID NOT WANT CONVENTION REFERRED BACK TO THE CCD FOR FURTHER WORK.

2. BUENO SAID BRAZIL SUPPORTED THE TEXT AS SENT BY THE CCD AND WOULD SUPPORT AN ENDORSING RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT "YET" PREPARED TO COSPONSOR SUCH A RESOLUTION. AWARE OF MEXICAN AND ARGENTINE OPPOSITION TO THE CONVENTION IN ITS PRESENT FORM, BUENO ANTICIPATED THAT GARCIA ROBLES WOULD CONVENE MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN GROUP
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TO SEEK BLOC SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION. WHILE BRAZIL

IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE ITS POSITION, BUENO SAID GARCIA ROBLES WOULD HAVE STRONG INFLUENCE ON OTHERS. HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT US AND USSR ALSO MEET WITH LA GROUP TO PRESENT CASE FOR CONVENTION AND TO EXPLAIN ITS SCOPE. DELOFFS SUGGESTED THAT US-SOVIET PRESENTATION MIGHT ENCOURAGE BELIEF THAT CONVENTION IS "SUPERPOWER" DOCUMENT BEING IMPOSED ON UNGA WHEN, IN FACT, PRESENT TEXT WAS NEGOTIATED PRODUCT SUPPORTED BY WIDE RANGE OF CCD DELEGATIONS. DELOFFS AND BUENO ALSO CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING PRESNETATION TO GROUP BY NONALIGNED SUPPORTED OF TEXT (E.G., FINLAND), BUT BUENO BELIEVED US OR US AND SOVIET PRESENTATION WOULD HAVE MORE IMPACT. DELOFFS AGREED TO EXPLORE THE IDEA FURTHER.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, DELOFF ASKED STASHEVSKY (USSR) WHAT HE THOUGHT OF THIS IDEA. STASHEVSHY, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER IMAGE OF "SUPER-POWER" PRESSURE, BUT ALSO THOUGHT SOME EFFORT TO COUNTER GARCIA ROBLES' ARGUMENTS WOULD BE USEFUL. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN IDEA OF PRESENTATION BY US AMBASSADOR MARTIN AS US REP TO CCD, AS A POSSIBLE APPROACH. STASHEVSKY SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS IDEA WITH SOVIET DEL AND SUGGESTED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON QUESTION EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. COMMENT. BUENO'S SUGGESTION APPEARS TO HAVE MERIT AND, ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING A FORMAL MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND THE LA GROUP, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO FIND SOME FORUM TO PRESENT US VIEWS TO LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS GENERALLY, IN ADDITION TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. UNLESS DEPARTMENT SEES ANY OBJECTIONS, WE WOULD PLAN TO EXPLORE THE IDEA FURTHER AND SEEK A SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT.
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